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MORPHOGENESIS AND ACTIVITY

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### AMENDMENT TO ACCOMPANY A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

MS RCE  
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in conjunction with a request for continued examination (RCE) which is being filed concurrently. Prior to examination, kindly amend the application referenced above as below. A Notice of Appeal was filed on January 25, 2005. With a two-month extension of time being concurrently requested, the next deadline for taking action is May 25, 2005. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

The United States Patent and Trademark office issued a final Office Action dated July 26, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1, 3, 8-28 and 123. Applicants filed a response on November 17, 2004, which was entered, as stated by the Examiner in the Advisory Action dated December 3, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.